

Promises of God

21. Love



I John 4:19 "We love him, because he first loved us."

Meaning: God's love is an agapé love. of Christ's life that we Charity is an expression of agapé love. God's love is a one-way love. Before man ever showed God he loved Him, God loved man. Even after man sinned, God showed His love to man by giving His only Son to die for the sin of mankind (Romans 5:8). Giving is the ultimate expression of love, and it is by the giving perceive the love of God (I John 3:16).

Application: God's love is illustrated by saving the thief on the cross and by speaking to the woman at the well of Samaria. His love can be seen in His forgiveness shown to Peter, when Peter denied Him. His love was evident when He provided a way of escape out of Sodom for ungodly Lot. It would not take long for us to realize how undeserving we are of God's love, yet He loves us anyway! Man's love is usually dictated by money, circumstances, or the receiving of love. God's love is given to the undeserving and is everlasting (Jeremiah 31:3).

Other Verses for Study: John 3:16; 13:34, 35; 14:21; 15:12, 13; 16:27; Romans 8:38, 39; I John 4:10-12, 16

1. God's love to man is a _____ way love.

2. How did God show His love to man?

3. To whom is God's love given? _____

"He began to love us with a love that had no beginning, which has no measure and which shall have no change nor end."